

withdrawing the backing layer; and
causing the layer of varnish that has been transferred onto the article to harden by
exposing it to said radiation.

7/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the varnish includes at least one of a pigment or a dye.

9/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the backing layer comprises a polyester film.

14/ (Amended) A multilayer structure comprising a layer of varnish that hardens under an effect of radiation, a backing layer, and a layer of decoration, the varnish layer being situated between the backing layer and the decoration layer.

Please add new claims 23-25 as follows:

--23/ A method according to claim 1, wherein the varnish layer and the decoration layer both remain on an external surface of the article during the transfer.--

--24/ A method according to claim 1, wherein the decoration layer remains coherent during the transfer on the article.--

--25/ A method according to claim 1, wherein the article is made out of plastics material.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 9 are amended to revise grammar. Claim 14 is amended to be in independent form and recite the structural aspects as recited in claim 1. Claims 23-25 are added. Added claim 23 recites that the varnish layer and the decoration layer both remain on an external surface of the article during transfer. Added claim 24 recites that the decoration layer remains coherent during the transfer on the article. In other words, claim 24 recites that the decoration layer does not disperse in a liquid state during transfer. Support for added claims 23 and 24 is found in the